to the provisions of the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2000 & 2003. No hazardous waste is allowed to be imported in the country for dumping and disposal.

(b) to (e) As per the information provided by the Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), the Board was informed by the Customs Authorities in the beginning of October, 2007 about one consignment of waste paper mixed with waste plastics, glass pieces, municipal solid waste etc. having arrived at the Cochin Port, Kerala. In view of the Same, the customs Authorities were advised by the KSPCB to send back the cargo to the port of origin at the expense of the importer. The said cargo is since reported to have been returned to the exporter.

Boundary negotiations with China

1076. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eleventh round of boundary negotiations were held in Beijing in the month of September, 2007 and useful and positive discussions were held;

(b) if so, whether India and China have set up a new working group on border dispute;

(c) whether India also drew the attention of China that its troops had made at least 140 border incursions over the past one year, most of them in J&K Ladakh region and in Arunachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the other decisions taken; and

(e) whether any final settlement on border dispute has been reached?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) The eleventh round of special Representatives Talks on the India-China boundary question was held in Beijing from 24 to 26 September 2007. The Special Representatives of the two countries, Mr. M.K. Narayanan, National Security Adviser and Mr. Dai Bingguo, Vice Foreign Minister held useful and positive discussions on the framework for the settlement of the India-China boundary question. The two sides agreed to continue their discussions at the next round of talks to be held in Beijing. The specific dates would be decided through diplomcatic channels.

There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly take up such perceived violations along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including the Joint Working Group, the Expert Group, border personnel meetings, flag meetings and normal diplomactic channels.

Indo-Pak Peace Talks

†1077. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to several rounds of Indo-Pak peace talks during the last many years

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

there has been recession in terrorism by the terrorist groups in Pakistan and also sponsored by Pakistan and the situation has become normal;

(b) whether there is improvement in the situation after increasing contact with PoK through buses;

(c) whether any proposal has been made on behalf of Government for converting the Line of Control (LoC) into international border, during the talks with Pakistan;

(d) whether the issue of American consent has also been raised therein; and

(e) the area likely to be surrendered to Pakistan through this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Despite considerable improvement in bilateral relations since the commencement of the dialogue process in 2004, Government have continued and serious concerns about the infrastructure of terrorism in Pakistan and its impact on us.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Indo-China-Russia meeting

1078. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia held a two-day meeting on October 24, 2007 to promote and deepen strategic cooperation among the three countries;

(b) if so, the points discussed in the meeting;

(c) the outcome of the meeting;

(d) whether any agreement including on trade, energy, science and technology were reached; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, the Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia met on October 24, 2007 in Harbin (China).

(b) to (e) The three Foreign Ministers discussed regional and international issues of mutual interest and trilateral cooperation. At the conclusion of the Trilateral meeting, a Joint Comunique was issued on 24 October, 2007. The three sides have agreed to hold a trilateral business forum in New Delhi in December 2007, a seminar on the evolution of geo-political, strategic trends in 2008 and working level discussions in the field of agriculture, disaster management, medicine & health.